



News Release

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Headline: **Concord Regional Airport Control Tower Funding**

CONCORD –

This afternoon, the City of Concord received official notification from the Federal Aviation Administration that federal funding for the contract tower at Concord Regional Airport would be eliminated. According to the information we received, beginning on April 7, 2013, the FAA will begin a four week phase out of 149 federal contract towers across the nation, to include the tower at the Concord Regional Airport. Our analysis of the information provided from FAA indicates that all federal contract towers in North Carolina will be eliminated.

Representatives from our community who include airport customers, elected officials, and City staff made an intense effort to provide detailed information to the FAA which clearly indicates that the elimination of this funding source for the airport would be a detriment to our community and nation. The City of Concord remains committed to providing the safest and best customer service at our airport to serve our customers and citizens while protecting as much as possible the economic benefits our region receives from Concord Regional.

Our airport will remain open with or without a tower. Concord City Council approved funding of our contract tower for two months in anticipation of the potential loss of federal funds. During the two month period an extensive analysis will be performed to determine the correct course of action.

Aviation Director Rick Cloutier is available for comment at cloutier@concordnc.gov and 704-920-5912.

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